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FOLLOWING REPEATS BANGKOK 18617 ACTION SECSTATE NOV 26TH

QUOTE

S E C R E T BANGKOK 18617

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO: SECDEF AND CINCPAC/FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, TH
SUBJ: USG FOLLOW-UP TO VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS

REF: A. TOKYO 12846
B. TOKYO 12847

1. IN OCTOBER 1 DISCUSSIONS OF USG/RTG SECURITY INTERESTS
WITH RTG MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL KHRUAN AND ACTING FOREIGN
MINISTER CHARTCHAI, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM P.
CLEMENTS ASSURED THAM OF CONTINUED USG SUPPORT FOR THAILAND.
EMBASSY HAS BEEN WORKING ON FOLLOW-UP PACKAGE, ARISING FROM
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SECRETARY CLEMENTS' VISIT, UNDER THREE MAJOR HEADINGS: (1) THAI

REQUEST FOR HELP WITH REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS AND NEED FOR SPARE PARTS; (2) INCREASED SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DEFENSE PRODUCTION; (3) RESPONSE TO PACKAGE PREPARED BY GEN. KRIANGSAK ON FUTURE THAI MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH RTARF'S NEEDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS AND FOR SPARE PARTS. SEPTELS WILL COVER SELF-SUFFICIENCY QUESTION AND OFFER COMMENTS FOR WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO KRIANGSAK PAPER.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING BY POUCH DETAILED LISTS OF (1) RTARF WEAPONS SYSTEMS NOW CONSIDERED OBSOLETE AND (2) RTARF DEPOT INVENTORY PARTS REQUIREMENTS, MOST CRITICAL OF WHICH ARE (A) SHORTAGES OF VEHICLE AND AIRCRAFT PARTS WHICH ADVERSELY EFFECT MOBILITY OF RTA AND (B) SHORTAGE OF ROTOR SHAFT BOOT FOR UH-1-H HELICOPTER (WHICH IS PART OF WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF THIS ITEM). MINIMUM RECOMMENDED LIST FOR REPLACEMENT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS IS:

OBSOLETE WEAPON	REPLACEMENT WEAPON	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST (IN \$ MILLION)
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HOWITZER, PACK 75MM	HOWITZER, TWD		
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M116	105MM M102	63	4.032
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REMARKS: FOR RTA

ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE. COST

DOWNS NOT INCLUDE

REPAIR PARTS.

SMG 45 CAL M1A1 & M3	RIFLE, 5.56MM		
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REMARKS: FOR RTA	M16A1	4,488	.637
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ITEM NO LONGER

SUPPORTABLE.

MACHINE GUN, 30 CAL,	MACHINE GUN,	99	.107
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REMARKS: FOR RTA

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SUPPORTABLE.

LAUNCHER RKT, 2.36 IN	LAW M72	6,876	.385
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M9A1

REMARKS FOR RTN

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SUPPORTABLE.

RIFLE, RECOILESS,	DO	1,398	.078
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75MM, M20 & M20A1

REMARKS: FOR RTA

NOT SUPPORTABLE.

REPLACEMENT QUANTITY

BASED ON 6 TO 1 RATIO

GUN TWD AAA 40 MM GUN, SP AAA M42A1 76 3.253
 REMARKS: FOR RTN
 NO LONGER
 SUPPORTABLE.

GUN, SP M16 MOUNT, GUN, 76 2.498
 (QUAD 50) TLR M55
 REMARKS: FOR RTA W/W 1/2TT
 CARRIER FOR M42A1

AIRCRAFT, S2 A/F AIRCRAFT, S2 10 9.287
 REMARKS: FOR RTN D/E
 THE S2 D/E AIRCRAFT
 ARE BEING REPLACED
 IN US NAVY
 INVENTORY BY S3
 AIRCRAFT AND
 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AS
 EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES

AIRCRAFT, HU-16 AIRCRAFT, C47 2 .280
 REMARKS: FOR RTN
 HU-16 IS NO LONGER
 IN US INVENTORY AND
 ONLY LIMITED
 COMMERCIAL SUPPORT
 IN AVAILABLE.

PATROL CRAFT, 10 130.000
 TORPEDO BOATS AND
 COSTAL PATROL
 BOAT
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REMARKS: FOR RTN.
 PRESENT BOATS
 HAVE LIMITED ENDURANCE,
 SPEED, AND MANEUVER-
 ABILITY; POOR HULL
 INTEGRITY; AND INADEQUATE
 COMMO CIRCUITS. THE
 ASHVILLE CLASS PG'S MAY BECOME
 AVAILABLE AS EXCESS DEFENSE
 ARTICLES

AIRCRAFT, T-28 AIRCRAFT OV-10 16 20.000
 REMARKS: FOR RTAF
 THE T-28 IS NOT
 OBSOLETE BUT

PRESENT AIRC
AFT
WILL BE GROUNDED
WITHIN TWO YEARS
DUE TO WING AND
TAIL FATIGUE UNLESS
REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS
ARE MADE.

A1M 9B'S AND 9E'S SIDEWINDER 350 4.000
REMARKS: FOR RTAF MISSILES
THIS ITEM IS NO
LONGER SUPPORTABLE.

3. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE THAI INTERPRETED DEPUTY SECRETARY
CLEMENTS' ASSURANCES THAT USG COULD DEFINITELY HELP IN
REGARD TO OBSOLETE WEAPON AND SPARE PARTS REQUIREMENTS FOR
INSURGENCY OPERATIONS TO MEAN THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL BE FORTH-
COMING IN ADDITION TO MATERIALS ALREADY PROGRAMMED AS SECURITY
ASSISTANCE AND WILL NOT SIMPLY RESULT IN A REORDERING OF FY-75-
FY-76 MAP FUNDS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THEREFORE THAT REQUISITE WEAPONS
AND PARTS CAN BE SUPPLIED ON SOME BASIS OTHER THAN AS SIMPLE
CHARGE TO REGULAR GRANT MAP, SUCH AS FROM EXCESS STOCKS OR
OTHER SOURCES. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE A
REPLY BY DECEMBER 10 SO WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE TO RESPOND
TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

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